Basic Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner

Clinical

Training Requirement Guidelines

Clinical Hours Overview:

In addition to completing the 40 hours of classroom training, GNESA requires 40 hours of clinical work. Those hours MUST be completed within six (6) months of the initial training date.

Clinical Activities: To be scheduled by the SANE applicant

PELVIC EXAMS:  10 hours* (minimum 10 patients with speculum insertions)

Objectives:

1. The ability to recognize normal and abnormal gynecological findings.
2. To be able to demonstrate proper technique in normal pelvic exams, including speculum insertion.

OR

*In Lieu of the Pelvic Exam Clinical Logs, a trainee may submit a signed Statement of Competency for Pelvic Exams if the trainee is already competent in performing exams to the above outlined specifications. This ONLY applies to nurses who perform pelvic exams regularly and have completed roughly 10 exams within the past six (6) months.

COURTROOM OBSERVATION/DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE:  6 hours

Objectives:

1. To observe and discuss expert witness testimony in dealing with cases. Ideally, you would want to observe a sexual assault case; however, this may not be possible.
2. To describe the procedures and process of the courtroom proceedings.
3. To observe and discuss how the District Attorney’s Office operates. To understand the role of the District Attorney and/or Assistant District Attorneys, Victim Witness Assistance, Investigators, and the type of cases they handle.
RAPE CRISIS CENTER/CRIME VICTIM ADVOCACY PROGRAM: 6 hours

Objectives:

1. To discuss the role of the rape crisis center.
2. To discuss interaction between the rape crisis center and the SANE.
3. If there is not a local center near you, then locate the nearest one to you, review their website, and speak to their staff. You will need to submit a written outline of that center’s policies and procedures regarding their SANE program.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: 6 hours

Objectives:

1. To observe how the First Responders, Uniform and Detective, work the cases that deal with sexual assault.
2. Approximately 3 hrs with the Detective (Investigator) and 3 hrs observing the Uniform (Patrol, First Responder) Officer is recommended.

SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAMS: 12 hours (MINIMUM OF 4 EXAMS OR UNTIL DEEMED COMPETENT)

Objective:

1. To perform interdependently within the perceptorship of an experienced SANE or a physician with documentation of preceptor approval.
2. One exam (only) may be an observation of a complete exam when the exam is performed by a SANE or a physician with documentation of preceptor approval. The other 3 exams may include:
   1 exam on a simulated model and
   2 exams on a Human (Real Person) model
3. It is preferred that all exams are completed on LIVE VICTIMS, however, simulated exams will be accepted as listed above when observed by a SANE-A (certified SANE) and a complete exam is performed to include speculum insertion. It is the responsibility of the nurse to provide the simulated “victim”.

AND

A signed Competency Checklist must be included with the Sexual Assault Examiners Logs. In addition, the person signing the Checklist must read and sign the Protocol for Sexual Assault Exams. Their signature on the Checklist assures that the steps outlined in the Protocol were followed when the Sexual assault Exams were completed.